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1945 PRICE LIST OF BROMELIADS

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1.50 & 3.00 ACANTHOSTACHYS STROBILACEA rare, monotypic, very interesting, graceful, pendent ******

AECHMEA AUREA ROSEA 3
prominently toothed, green, grey banded leaves;
flower head gold and pink

AECHMEA BRACTEATA (Mexico) 75 & 1.50 & 3.50 large, vigorous; red and green leaf phases; stunning inflorescence with large red bracts

3.50 & 5.00 AECHMEA BROMELIAFOLÍA large leaves, hooked teeth, interesting yellow flower head

AECHMEA CAUDATA variegata 3.50 & 5.00 & 7.50 striking green and white striped leaves; large plant; yellow flowers

2.00 AECHMEA COELISTIS light lavender-blue flowers

1.50 & 3.50 AECHMEA FASCIATA lovely urn-shaped plant of green leaves with white bands; pink flower head, blue flowers

AECHMEA FOSTERIANA (My new species) 5.00 & 7 tubular shaped plant with spectacularly mottled leaves; flower head, maroon, green and yellow 5.00 & 7.50

1.50 & 2.50 AECHMEA FULGENS pale green leaves, brilliant red berry-like flowers with blue petals

2.00 & 3.50 AECHMEA FULGENS DISCOLOR powdery grey and maroon leaves; brilliant red berry-like flowers and blue petals

2.00 & 3.50 tall, tubular, vigorous; brilliant yellow and orange flower head

5.00 & 6.50 AECHMEA MARMORATA "Grecian Vase" tall, tubular, symmetrical, vase-like plant; mottled leaves; pale pink bracts; blue petals

1.25 & 2.00 & 3.00 AECHMEA MINIATA DISCOLOR lovely green leaves upperside, maroon underside; red berry-like flowers with bright blue petals

AECHMEA MEXICANA (Mexico) 1.50 & 2.50 & 5 large, mottled leaves; flower head is a symphony in lavender greys 1.50 & 2.50 & 5.00

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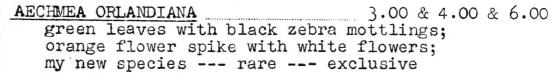
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AECHMEA PECTINATA 2.50 & 5.00 large type; colorful center leaves; compact flower head

AECHMEA PINELIANA 2.50 & 3.50 interesting flower head resembling a small pine cone; yellow flowers; red scape bracts

AECHMEA RACINAE (my new species) 2.00 & 3.00 lovely glossy green leaves with pendent flower stem; brilliant red, yellow and black flowers

AECHMEA VICTORIANA (my new species) 2.00 & 3.50 semi-pendent flower spike; flowers of wine, white and black color

AECHMEA WEILBACHII 3.50 & 5.00 lovely bronze and salmon leaves; lavender flowers

ANANAS ANANASOIDES var. NANA .75 & 1.00 dwarf, decorative pineapple which never fails to fruit; the smallest pineapple in the world

ANANAS BRACTEATUS

showy, quick grower, edible pineapple
(not a commercial species)

.75 & 1.00

BILLBERGIA AMOENA 1.00 & 1.50 & 3.50 there are several distinct types of this species; plants range in color and form, from plain green to deep maroon with light spots

BILLBERGIA EUPHEMIA 1.00 & 1.50 & 2.50 plain green leaves, delicate pink bracts; blue-lavender petals

Red Leaf Phase ______3.50

BILLBERGIA HORRIDA var. TIGRINA 1.50 & 3.00 red-brown leaves spectacularly banded with grey; flowers upright; green-white; fragrant

BILLBERGIA "HORENA" 1.50 my new bybrid of B. horrida X B. amoena

BILLBERGIA IRIDIFOLIA var. CONCOLOR

my new discovery, far superior to species type;
gracefully curled blue-green leaves

new species; a gem of a plant with a permanent wave; fantastically curled, spotted leaves; inflorescence red, blue, yellow



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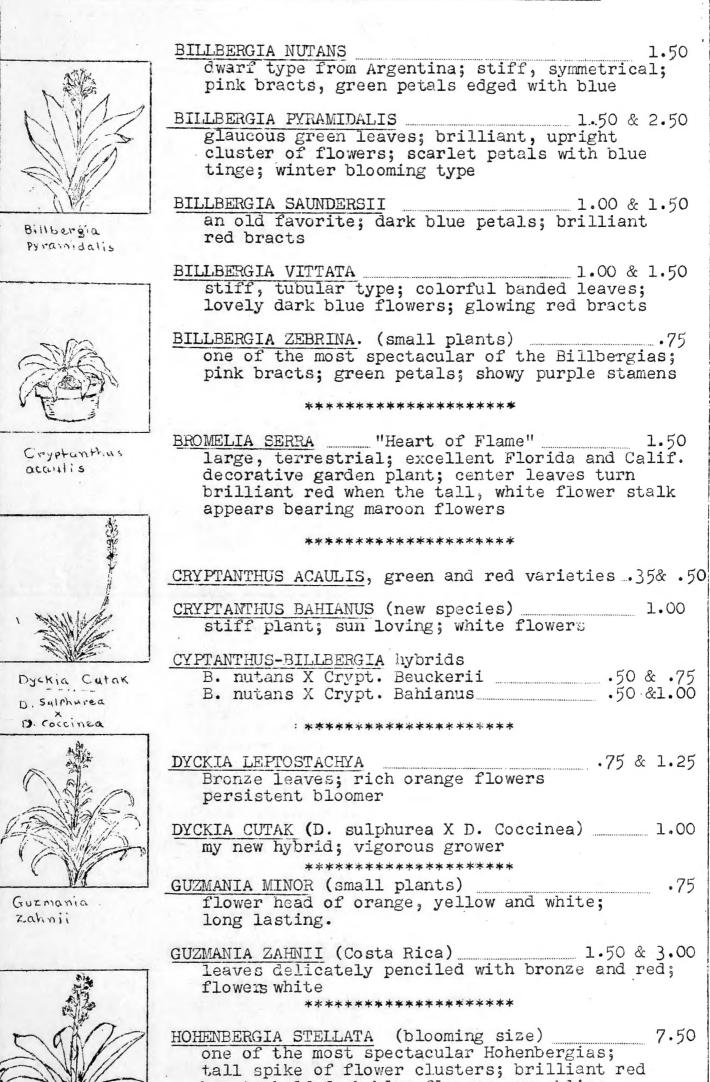






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robust plant; blue green leaves; flowers numerous but small

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	NEORECELIA AMPULLACEA 1.00 dwarf climbing species
3	NEOREGELIA CAROLINAE 3.00 & 5.00 brilliant red center cup holding lavender flowers; known to horticulture for nearly a century
GILL DI	NEORFGELIA CONCENTRICA 2.00 & 3.50 large size; light green leaves with bright red tipe
neovegalia. farinosa	NEOREGELIA FARINOSA "Crimson Cup" 1.50 & 3.50 first introduction into horticulture; shiny bronze-green leaves; vivid crimson center when blooming and for six months thereafter
	NEOREGELIA LAEVIS 1.50 pure white flowers
	NEOREGELIA MARMORATA (hybrid) "Marble Plant"-1.50&3.00 (N. marmorata X N. spectabilis) marbled green and red leaves; blue flowers
neoregelia Spectabilis	NEOREGELIA SARMENTOSA var. CHLOROSTICTA 3.50 most brilliant semi-dwarf Neoregelia; in full light, leaves are deep red with green spots
	NEOREGELIA SPECTABILIS "Painted Fingernail", 1.00&2.50 green leaves with brilliant red tips; grey bands underside; low blue flowers
	NEOREGELIA TRISTIS semi-dwarf, tubular type; leaves spotted with red
	NEOREGELIA TRISTIS 1.50
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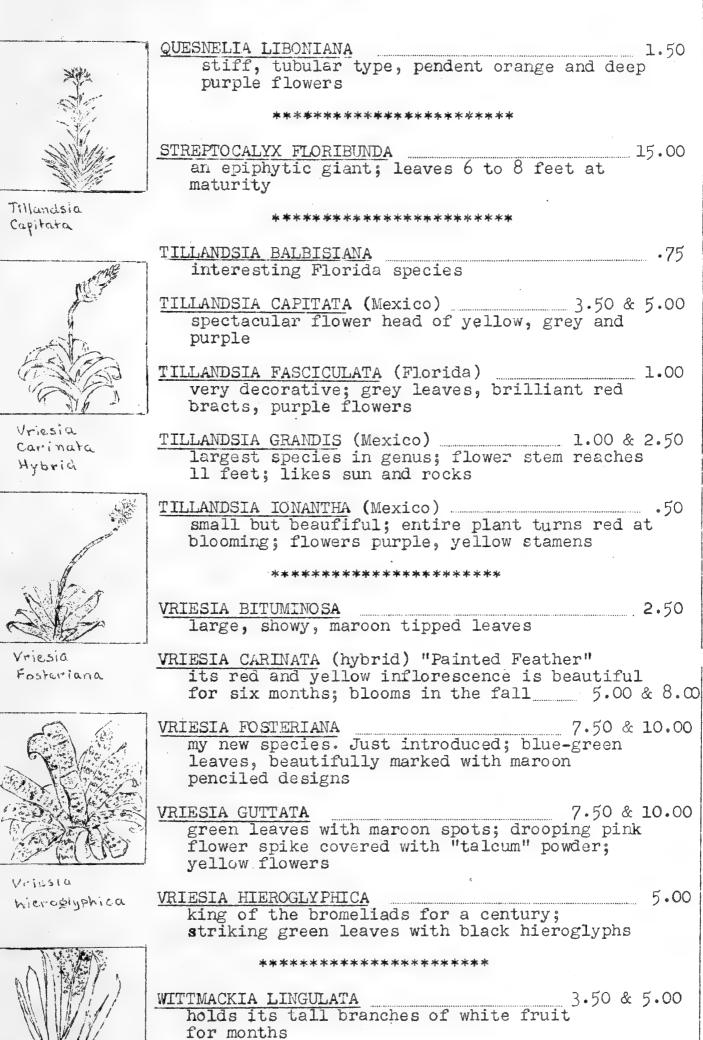
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Mulford B. Foster's 194 Price List of BROMELIADS

Bromeliaceae is a great all-American family of plants named (in 1789) to honor Olaf Bromel, a Swedish botanist. Because the pineapple is a member of this family it has become known as

"pineapple" family.

There is something utterly fascinating about bromeliads, but few people in this country are familiar with this decorative group of plants which has so few competitors. They can be an outstanding adornment to the home or warn climate garden. Europe, for a hundred years, bromeliads have been classed among

their finest and most desirable decorative plants.

There are two distinctive types of bromeliads, terrestrial and epiphytic. Species of Dyckia, Hechtia, Encholirium, Bromelia, Ananas, etc. are interesting spiny succulents, all having similar plant form (with many variations) to the pineapple plant. They require medium sandy soil with small amounts of dairy manure; they feed directly through their roots although the basal part of the leaves absorbs certain foods from the air. Moderate watering suffices their thirst. These terrestrial bromeliads have a versatility all their own and are quite an addition to the sub-tropical rock These terrestrial bromeliads have a versatility all garden as well as to the dish garden.

Bromeliads that are the most interesting and adaptable as house plants are the epiphytes (air plants) which are appealingly versatile in leaf and flower color, in the manner in which they bloom, how they hold their water, how they propgate; the diversity is endless!

Within the epiphytic group are two distinct types of plants, those that hold their water in tiny microscopic scales (the fuzz) on the leaves, noticeable mostly in the Tillandsias. The other group have more glaborous leaves, and are described as a leafy rosette with leaves arranged in a whorled mass of a series of ascending troughed leaves, so tight-fitting that water is naturally held at the base of each leaf. They have been called "nest" or "basket" plants. One of the genera, Nidularium, means nest because these epiphytic plants constantly hold water between their leaves, it is possible to use them as a living flower vase, placing one or two small stemmed cut flowers between each leaf.

Many bromeliads are very spectacular in bloom with plain foliage, others are spectacular in foliage with less conspicuous flowers. Many of them, such as species of Aechmea and Vriesia may carry their flower and fruting head in beautiful color for six months.

Most bromeliads in the following list are native to Brazil except those listed otherwise, and most of them I have personally

collected and propagated.

With each shipment of epiphytic bromeliads, full instructions and proper potting medium are included. We prefer that you send check or money order; no C.O.D. orders; we send plants by American Express with express charges collect. Add 20% to orders less than \$3.00 for prepaid parcel post. We prefer that you do not order between dates of Dec. 5th and April 1st as the Christmas rush and the cold northern winter on these tropical plants in transit means they may not arrive safely. Exceptions can be made to southern states. We are not responsible for plants in transit; if plants do not arrive in good condition, show them immediately to the Express Agent and receive a claim sheet which can be sent to us for adjustment.

Informative literature on the subject of bromeliads is very scarce; what is obtainable is usually in a foreign language or is purely botanical. Frankly, I know of almost no popular writings on the subject, so I include a list of my contributions.

BOOK: "Brazil, Orchid of the Tropics" by Mulford and Racine Foster published by Jaques Cattell Press, Lancaster, Pa. \$3.50. all about collecting bromeliads in Brazil; profusely illustrated with many photographs and drawings, including four kodachromes.

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